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[1](#)B. ABUJA 525

[1](#)1. (SBU) Post delivered Ref. A demarche to E. Josakweker, Director of the African Union Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Josakweker referred to the March 20 statement issued by the MFA (Ref. B) in which the GON strongly condemned the coup and affirmed that it will not recognize Rajoelina's government. He had nothing substantive to add to the March 20 statement. Post notes that despite Nigeria's own recent history of severely flawed elections, including the 2007 general elections, the GON continues to be strongly supportive of democracy and constitutional rule on the African continent, both bilaterally and via ECOWAS and the AU.

[1](#)2. (U) This cable was coordinated with Consulate Lagos.  
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